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A RICH COMEDY IN THE HOUSE.

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Attorney General Hoar's Resignation Determined Upon.

WASHINGTON, April 11, 1870. Attorney General Hear Determ to Private Life.

Notwithstanding the contradictions of the report that Attorney General Hoar is about to retire from the Cabinet, I have excellent authority for reiteratthe Cabinet, I have excellent authority for Petteraing it. My information is that Mr. Hoar will return
to the shades of private life about the middle of next
September, and that a prominent Pennsylvanian
will succeed to the direction of the Law Office of the
government. The thing has been arranged between
the President and Senator Cameron, so that it may help the party in the Keystone State in the October election. The Pennsylvanians have all along been complaining of executive neglect in not recognizing the claims of their State to a Cabinet position. Senator Cameron has been one of the loudest in contending for State rights on this point, and the Presiden weary of the incessant importunities, has finally yielded. Cameron thus gets the power in his own hands once more; though what particular good the Attorney Generalship will be to his State in turning an election is not patent, unless old Simon proposes to clean out all the little district attorneys and marshals appointed under the ever amiable Hoar. Let it be understood that Hoar retires entirely at his own request, and not through any dissatisfaction entertained by the President. Mr. Hoar has been in full accord with the President from the moment of his appointment until now, and only quits the field because, as some say, he prefers private to political life, or, as others say because of the bitter disappointment he experienced when rejected by the Senate as a fitting candidate for the Supreme beach.

A Rich Comedy in the House-Muddle Over a Negro Celebration-Quarrel Among the Rival Amendments.

The House to-day passed a resolution under a sus-pension of the rules, just after the morning hour, giving the use of the hall of the house to the negroes for a celebration of the ratification of the Fifteenth amendment next Wednesday evening. The resolution was offered by a carpet-bagger from North Carolina, named Dockery, and was carried through as a party measure. Alterwards a resolution was passed authorizing the appointment of a committee of the House to make arrangements for participating in the celebration. Among those ted on the committee was Sunset Cox and Eldridge, of Wisconsin, both democrats. The announcement of their names on such a committee was the occasion of merriment in the House, and both crats and republicans enjoyed a hearty laugh at their expense. Cox took the thing good humoredly, and improved the occasion to get back s reply to Butler's famous "shoo, fly" hit. El blushed up to the roots of his hair and laughed at the fun, but he positively declined to have anything to do with the affair. Late in the afternoon, just before the adjournment, Judge Kelsey, of New York, moved to rescind the action of the House, granting the use of the hall and appointing a committee. A large num-ber of the radicals had gone home and Kelsey's reso-lution to rescind was carried.

In the meantime the special committee, consisting of Dockery, Allison, Maynard, Cox and Eld-ridge, had been escorted down to the where claims are generally discussed. Sergeant-at-Arms Ordway, who takes great interest in the Mayor Bowen branch of the renonies, conducting the committee in a dignified liberate. A tremendous crowd of interested darkles and twenty whites or so were about the room, waiting val of the committee men. There were Bowenites, anti-Bowenites and some few independents. When the two democratic members-Cox and Eldridge-made their appearance the darkeys cheered lustily, taking it as a great honor that socalled copperheads should condescend to partici-pate in a purely African affair. Dockery, the chairman, took his seat and called the meeting to order, when half a dozen darkies immediately jumped up to speak. One O. Peters, a and made a speech in favor of his side of the ques tion. Then a big buck pegro with speciacles got or regular plantation lingo. He said:—"We tank you, Senators, for given us dis great glorification. We tank you for given us de human rights." One of the republican members foreseeing that this style of oratory would only afford Cox and Eldridge some Inn, cut the grateful orator very short, and gave an opportunity to the Rev. Sella Martin to speak his piece. Martin is a highly polished mulatto, and acquitted himself in a style that left little room for criticism. After explaining why the Bowen party should be recognized he spoke of the blessed fifteenth amendment, and said some thing pretty in favor of general amnesty. Mr. Eld riage interrupted the speaker to know whether democrats should be included in the amnesty, to which Martin responded—"Yes, sir; now that I see the fifteenth amendment accomplished I am ready, colored man as I am, to treat all men as my brethren. I wish bygones to be bygones, and charity and good will only to prevail in the future." At this magnanimous utterance Cox and Eldridge

smiled sarcastically.

Just about this time Captain Grant, Generalissimo of the Boys in Blue, appeared, and was introduced by Sunset Cox. Grant was against Bowen and pliched in in rough style. He delared that the genuine Airican republicans had made arrangements for s celebration on the 18th, and that the Rowen faction m order to spoil that programme, had tried to get up another celebration to come off sooner. In order to make it more - ctive the Bowen men had sought Congress al recognition by having a resolution day night passed through false representations. He day hight passed through raise representations. He declared that the Bowenites were a parcel of imposters and positical schemers, whose only object was to compass the re-election of Sayles J. Bowen to the Mayoralty. He (Grant) belonged to nobody; he was a free, independent man; he had spent his bundreds of dollars to organize the Boys in Blue, and he sand colored voters of the district. The Bowenite

Mr. Maynard, or Tennessee, Interrupted Captain Grant to say that he understood that the resolution colored people. "Are you," said Maynard, address ing Grant, "are you, sir, a colored man!" This caused a general laugh at Grant's expense, in the midst of which he subsided.

Downing, the colored oysterman, was the next speaker introduced, and commenced by saying that he thought the great object of the celebration and of this meeting ought to be to unite the party. "Oh, very well, then," said Cox, rising gravely. "If this is a party affair I think, Eldridge, you and I had better leave the affair to the republican members. We

are cosmopolitan and ought to leave."

This created another laugh; but it was evident about this time that the rival colored factions were ecoming highly excited. They were talking at

each other in furious style and seemed disposed to actile the quarret in very unparliamentary fashion, when just in good season arrived a colored mes-senger of the House, out of breath, who the House, out of breath, who that the resolution had been "Rescinded! rescinded!" shouled a announced that the zen in one breath, and looking furiously at the messenger. "Yes, gentlemen," said the messenger, "Rescinded?" "Then," said one of the committee, "our labors are at an end; we are function officia." "Punch and whate"—shouted one of the darkies in lively expectation of a free drink, evidently. "Yes," said Cox, "punch and pies will be supplied the whole party by our friend Downing, here." Downing suddenly disappeared at this hospitable announcement at his expense. "I think we cannot adjourn sine die," said Eldridge, "unless we get some official and authentic information regarding the rescinding of the resolution." Hereupon the colored messenger shot out of the room and in a short time returned with Judge Kelsey, who entered bowing and shaking his hat very respectfully towards his colored citizens. "Those are not the committee," said Cox to Keisey; "we white mer are the committee." Judge Kelsey bowed very gravely to the committee and said, "Gentlemen, I had the honor to offer the resolution to rescind, which was carried. I did it (turning to the darkies) through no disrespect to the colored citizens, but because I think the hall ought not be descrated by allowing its use for nigger rights, female rights, or any other purpose outside of that for which it was originally intended. Good morning, gentlemen," and Keisey left. The darkies of the Bowen persuasion were completely overwhelmed, while those on the other side shouted in triumph.

Protecting Voters at Elections-Marked Bal-

Some busybody wrote a letter recently to Judge Lawrence, of Oblo, informing him that the Virginia Legislature had passed a law making it necessary and residence written or printed on the outside of his ballot. The writer stated that the object was to "spot" the negroes so that their employers mign intimidate tuem and keep them from voting the republican ticket through fear of losing their places To remedy this supposed evil Lawrence introduced a bill to-day which provides that no person shall be the ballot he casts at the polls, the laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding. It further provides that any person causing the name of a vote to be written or printed on his ballot, or using any other means to identify said voter with a view of in fluencing his action at the poils, shall be deemed guilty of a crime, and on conviction shall be pun-ished by a fine of \$1,000 and imprisoned one month.

The Polar Expedition.

Dr. Hays has been here for some days past lobbying against the appropriation of \$100,000 for Captain Hall's expedition to the Polar Sea. The Doctor is not a good lobbyist. He called upon a distinappropriation, when the following dialogue took

OFFICIAL-What are your objections, Doctor, to Captain Hall?

Dr. HAYES-He is incompetent; is not a nautical man. To be sure he has resided among the Esqui maux, but that does not make him competent to command a sea-going vessel.

OFFICIAL-Do you propose to organize another expedition Polar seaward? Dr. HAYEs-Well, yes, some of my friends thought

of asking aid for the purpose. Certainly, the expe dition ought to be commanded by a nantical man.

OFFICIAL—Is it to be a nautical expedition? Dr. HAYES—Most certainly.
A general conversation of some ten minutes here

interposed, when the cross-examination was resumed as follows:-

OFFICIAL-Doctor, how do you propose to reach Dr. HAYES-I should take a small steam vessel to some point where I could plant a small colony, as a rendezvous, and then proceed overland to the Polar Sea, taking a couple of whaleboats along on sledges,

drawn by dogs. OFFICIAL-Doctor, don't you think Captain Hall is entitled to some credit for the Escovery of the late of Sir John Franklin after all others had failed? Dr. HAYES-Weil, yes. Captain Hall is an ener

getic and worthy person.

OFFICIAL—Yes, he is certainly a worthy man. He has done more for Polar exploration, according to the means furnished him, than all others put together, and therefore he deserves encouragement

This ended the conversation. Exit Dr. Hayes. The Doctor appeared before the Appropriation Committee of the House to-day and made a statement similar to the one he made last week before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations concern-Captain Hall was also before the committee to urge his project of an appropriation of \$100,000 to fit out an expedition. Dr. Hayes disclaimed any feeling against the proposition of Captain Hall. If an expe-dition was sent out by the government he wanted to see it made a success. He argued that it should be entirely nautical and not undertake to make expiorations by land. As there was no bill or resolution before the committee on the subject no action

The National Academy of Sciences will hold its annual spring session in this city during the present week. The meetings for scientific communications take place in Lincoln Hall, commencing to-morros at noon and are open to the public. All persons interested in scientific inquiry are invited to attend.

Discharged Soldiers Limble to the Income Tax.

was taken.

Commissioner Delano has written a letter concern ing the inquiries which have recently been made at the Internal Revenue Office by officers and soldiers of the late war with regard to the resolution of July 28, 1867, exempting soldiers' incomes from special tax imposed by the resolution of July 4, 1864, and asking if, under its provisions, they are not entitled to exemption of income taxes for 1869. The Commissioner, in his reply, which quotes the various laws of Congress on the subject of general and special income tax, says that the exemption is fimited to the special tax imposed by the resolution of July 4, 1864, and has no reference what ever to the income of 1869.

Personal. Secretary Robeson returned to Washington tuis norning and was at the Navy Department to-day. General Sherman has also returned.

President Grant and Secretary Belknap are ex pected to return this evening and Secretary Boutwell to-morrow.

THE LEGAL TENDER CASES.

Hearing of Arguments by the United States Supreme Court in the Legal Tender Cases

WASHINGTON, April 11, 1870. Mr. Potter, of New York, read to the Supreme Court this afternoon a letter from James M. Carlisie, who is now absent from Washington on professiona business, upon the subject of the cases of Denning and Latham against the United States, which were et for argument to-day, and in which he stated that his associate counsel was suffering from severe should be postponed Mr. Potter said that the Attorney General's brief was filed only on Saturday night.

The Attorney General expressed his surprise at Mr. Carlisie's absence, as that gentlemen was pre-sent in the court when the motion was made to argue those cases, which were still bending, no having been disposed of by the opinion in the other cases involving the legal tender question.

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affected by the decision pronounced by the Court, they were passed over.

Associate Justice Neison made a similar remark.

The Attorney General said he could only bow to the order of the court.

Associate Justice Miller did not understand that the cases to which reference was made had been passed over by the Court.

The Chief Justice observed that it was so directed by the majority of the beach.

The Attorney General said he was not aware of it, as it took place before the commencement of his term of office. There was no record to show that there was any such understanding. He found here those cases standing for argument, and, thinking it was of importance to the public, he had made the motion for a re-argument. If the subject involving the constitutionality of the Legal Tender act was to

be re-argued at all the sooner the better it would be for all parties, because there were at this moment great interests pending in connection with contracts made before the passage of the act and whether payments should be made in gold or legal tender notes. He had no objection under the circumstances stated by Mr. Potter to delay the argument for the convenience of connset, but he desired it to be hear during the present term of the court. He thought any other disposition would be injurious to both public and private interests. Mr. Carlisle, he stated, had on Saturday withdrawn his brief on the legal tender question.

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Mr. Potter replied that Mr. Carlisle's engagement clsewhere was prior to any order or understanding as to the rehearing of the argument in those cases, and besides the other counsel in them was ill. He could not see what inconvenience would result to the public if the argument should not be heard this year or fifty years kence. Nothing but the abstract question could be heard. The decision already made worked to debtors no injustice. Ninety-nine of a hundred of the debts contracted eight years ago had long since been inquidated. He was at a loss to know how the question was to be settled obtherwise than it had been settled by this court. It was decided by the judges who heard the argument, dive against three. Unless some of the judges had changed their minds he was at a loss to know how the question could otherwise be decided. He saw no reason why argument should be reopened.

Associate Justice Davis said the only question was whether there should be a continuation of time. The case having been set for a rehearing three of them, himself and Justices Strong and Swayne, at that end of the bench, would agree that the argument should be postponed until next Monday, but no longer.

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Chief Justice Chase was understood to say that the two cases of Denning and Latham were not argued because the principle they contained was argued in the other similar cases, and it had been his duty to make this announcement.

After further conversation it was formally announced that the argument was postponed until next Monday.

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

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SENATE.

WASHINGTON, April 11, 1870. PETITIONS.

of the Massachusetts Legislature in favor of a postal teiegraph service; also the memorial of members of the Universal Peace Society setting forth their ob-ject to be the disarmament of all the great Powers, and therefore asking Congress not to sanction the proposed enlargement of the West Point Military

Mr. SUMNER, (rep.) of Mass., pre

Mr. SUMNER offered a resolution directing the Committee on Agriculture to inquire what legisla-

Committee on Agriculture to inquire what legislation is necessary for the regulation of the transportation of cattle and other animals on railroads of the United States so as to secure for the animals sufficient space and ventilation.

Mr. SUMNER read from a letter explanatory of the wholesale torture practised upon animals in their transportation from West to East, setting forth the horrors of the passage on cattle trains, the overcrowding, suffocation and transpling to ceath of the public health from the sale of diseased cattle. The resolution was adopted.

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE,

The Senate insisted upon its amendments to the Deficiency Appropriation bill, and Messrs. Morril of Maine, Sawyer and Casserly were appointed a committee of conference.

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.

At forty minutes past one o'clock the Northern Pacific Railroad bill, allowing the company to issue its bonds in the construction of its road, &c., was resumed. Mr. Thurman, (dem.) of Ohio, submitted an amend

Mr. Taurnan, (dem.) of Ohio, submitted an amendment to require the sale of alternate sections of land to actual settlers except such as is necessary for depot and other sites for the road, no purchase to exceed one hundred and sixty acres nor the deet therefor to be made out until the purchaser shall have occupied the land two years, the price per acre not to exceed one dollar and seventy-five cents. All lands not sold within fifteen years to revert to the United States, and this legislation to depend unon the consent of the company to those conditions. Mr. Thurman claimed the lands shready granted were sufficient to build and equip the road, and argued against the creation of a land monopoly in the names of the corporations.

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Mr. Corbett, (rep.) of Oregon, eulogized the importance and commercial value of the Northern Pacific road in the development of an extensive section. The company had in contemplation a system of European emigration for the more speedy settlement of the country along the line of the road. In view of their disposition to prosecute their vast enterprise with alacrity, he advocated a liceral policy toward them. Mr. HARLAN, (rep.) of lows, claimed that no

Mr. HARLAN, (rep.) of lows, claimed that no authentic map of the line of the road, as required by law, had been flied in the General Land Office. He said the officers of the company had declared over their official signatures that their land subsidy was enough to build a road, and argued at length that the previous grains were a sufficient lathucement to capital to enter into the enterprise.

Mr. Wilson, (rep.) of Mass., moved to restrict the amendment of Mr. Thurman to the lands granted by the bill

Mr. THURMAN desired his amendments to apply to Mr. Thurman desired his amendments to apply to all the lands voted to the company, and implored the Senators to panse and reflect before voting away the whole public domain. Bills were now pending for giving to railroads four hundred million acres of land, enough to make twenty States. The North-ern Pacific Company, having failed to make a sur-vey and file a map of their road, had never acquired the vested right under their charter, and therefore the conditions prescribed by his amendment were pertinent.

Mr. Wilson's motion was agreed to—yeas 30, nays 9—and Mr. Thurman's amendment as modified was

rejected—yeas 18, nays 28.

Mr. Wilson moved to limit the sale of the additional land now granted to actual settlers at not over \$2.50 per acre and in quantities not exceeding 160 acres. Lost—yeas 15, nays 22, as follows:— YEAS Mosers Antiony, Bayard, Casserly, Cragno, Davis, Fowler, Harian, Howell, Johnson, McCreery, Pool, Thurman, Tipton, Trumbull and Wisson—15.

NATS—Meesrs, Ames. Chandler, Cole, Corbett, Drake Flanegan, Gilbert, Hamilin, Howard, Howe, Keilogg, McDonald, Morrill of Vt., Nye, Osbora, Fomeroy, Ramsey, Rice Ross, Sawyer, Stewari and Williams—22.

Messrs. Fenton, Morton, Sumner and Edmunds, ir favor of the amendment, paired with Messrs. War ner, Vickers, Stockton and Pratt, opposed to it. Without disposing of the bill the Senate, at terminates past six, adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. WASHINGTON, April 11, 1870.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REPERRED. By Mr. Dawes, (rep.) of Mass. - Resolutions of th Commonwealth of Massachusetts in favor of th mion of the telegraph with the postal service.

By Mr. HAMILL, (dem.) of Md .- A joint resolution of the Maryland Legislature in reference to the revo-By Mr. PORTER, (rep.) of Va .- Authorizing a sur-

vey of the James river, with a view to baving the

vey of the James river, with a view to having the channel deepened and obstructions removed between Richmond and Harrison's bar.

By Mr. Lawrence, (rep.) of Ohio,—To protect the free exercise of the elective franchise.

By Mr. Slocum, (dem.) of N. Y.—Relative to the mode of selecting candidates for admission to the naval and military academies.

By Mr. Sargent, (rep.) of Cal.—To impose a tax on brandy distilled from apples, peaches and grapes, and to regulate the distillation thereof. The bill does not propose to change the present rate of taxation, but to relieve such distillation from certain regulations which are proper in grain distillation but are incongraous and oppressive as applied to fruit distillation.

CELEBRATION OF THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT. By Mr. COBE, (rep.) of N. C.—Granting the hall of the House of Representatives to the colored people of the District of Columbia for the purpose of holding a meeting in recognition of the ratification of the fifteenth amendment, next Wednesday evening, the House to participate in the ceremonies of the occasion.

Mr. Hoopen, (rep.) of Mass., made a point of order

asion. Mr. Ноорен, (гер.) of Mass., made a point of order that the resolution was in condict with one of the rules of the House.

The SPEAKER directed the rule to be read, which

The SPEAKER directed the rule to be read, which forbids the use of the hall for any but its legitimate purpose, except where the House may, by a resolution, agree to take part in any ceremonies to be observed therein, and decided that the wording of the resolution took it out of the operation of the rule; but said, if the resolution were adopted, he would expect the House to instruct him in what manner the House would take part in the proceedings. The resolution was adopted—yeas 113 mays 55.

Mr. Dockery, (rep.) of N. C., in connection with the preceding resolution, offered the following:—
Resolved, That the Speaker of the House appoint a select committee of five to make arrangements for the House to participate in the celebration of the Offerent amendment of the valuing of the 13th inst., and that the Speaker be requested to preside.

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House it was not competent to direct him to preside
and that if it met as a House it must be subject to ai
the rules of the House, with the Speaker in the

Mr. Dockery modified the resolution by striking out that part relating to the Speaker.

The resolution as modified was adopted by yeas, 107; nays, 44.

107; nays, 44.

The SPEAKER announced the following as the select committee:—Messrs. Dockery, Maynard, Allison, Cox. and Eldridge. The mention of the names of the two democratic memoers provoked very general jaughter. ery general laughter.
Mr. Cox, (dem.) of N. Y., rose and said that he

Mr. Cox. (dem.) of N. Y., rose and said that he could not serve on the committee except on one condition, that was that his iriend from Massachusetts (Mr. Butier, should be allowed to entertain the meeting with a little minstrelsy. (Laughter.) He added that he declined to serve because he did not wish to meet with some persons who would be present, though he had no objection to the colored people.

Mr. El.Dailoga (dem.) of Wis., said that he begged to be excused without any condition.

Mr. Cox. in explanation of his last remark, said that he understood the arrangement was got up in the interest of Mayor Bowen, as against the anti-Bowen republicans, and he did not wish to be mixed up with those political factions.

The SPEAKER put the question on excusing Mr. Eidridge, and announced that the noes had it.

Mr. Eldridge—As this is not a Congressional duty, and is not required by the House, I will not serve on that committee.

The SPEAKER—Is the gentleman serving on two committees.

committees?

Mr. ELDRIDGE—I do not put it on that ground, but on the ground that I am not required by my official position to render any such service, and I shall not render it.

The SPRAKER ruled that whenever the House directed a committee to carry out any of its orders a member was as much compelled, under the rules, to serve on that committee as on any other committee. It was not in the power of the Chair to excuse any It was not in the power of the Chair to excuse any gentleman from service on any committee.

Mr. Schence, (rep.) of Ohio, suggested that the consideration of the application for excuse he postoned in order to consult the colored gentlemen whether they object. (Laughier.)

Mr. Cox thought that the farce had gone on long enough. The thing proposed was a desceration of the hall, which the gentleman nimself (Mr. Schenck) had voted against.

Mr. Schenck remarked that he voted uniformly against giving the use of the hall to any but its legitimate purposes.

Messrs. Eidridge and Cox were not excused from service on the committee.

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The TARIFF BILL.

The House then, at two o'clock P. M., went into committee on the Tarif bill, Mr. Wheeler in the chair, resuming its consideration at the paragraph taxing women's and children's dress goods.

On motion of Mr. Schenck the paragraph was amended by inserting the words "Silk not being a component material thereof of chief value."

The paragraph was discussed by Messrs. Cox and, Brooks, of New York, and schenck and other members. Finally the paragraph was passed over without any further amendment.

The next paragraph was that taxing clothing and wearing appared of every description and Balmoral and other skirts and skirting composed wholly or in part of woolien, worsted, hair of goats or other animals, except knit goods, fifty cents per pound and forty per cent ad valorem.

On motion of Mr. Schenck the same amendment made to the last paragraph was made to this, inserting the words "Silk not being a component material thereof of chief value." No further amendment was made to the paragraph.

The next paragraph was that taxing webbing, bindings, braids, galloons, fringes, ginps and headnets manufactured or made whoily or in part of wool, warsted or goal's hair, fifty cents per pound and thurt-free per cent ad valorem.

On motion of Mr. Schenck the paragraph was amended by inserting the words "Silk not being a component material thereof of chief value."

On motion of Mr. Mannah, (rep.) of Tenn., the paragraph was further amended by inserting before the word "wool" the words "cotion-linen" and then passed.

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The next paragraph was that taxing cords, tassels, buttons and ornaments for dresses and outside garments made wholly or in part of wool or goat's hair, sixty per cent ad calorem.

On motion of Mr. Schenck the same amendment as to alk was adopted to this paragraph. No further amendment was made to this or to the following paragraph.

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Mr. Brooks, (of N. Y.) moved to strike out the paragraph.

Mr. Brooks' amendment was rejected, and the paragraph was passed over without amendment, except to insert Brussels carpets twenty-eight cents per yard and thirty five per cent at catorem.

Mr. JENCKES, (rep.) of R. I., moved to insert a new paragraph, imposing an additional duty of five per cent on woollen cloths, woollen shawis and other manufactures of wool valued at over two dollars per square yard. Rejected.

Mr. Hoat, (rep.) of Mass. moved to amend the paragraph on carpets by adding a provise that all Brussels carpets of a higher grade than tapestry carpets should be liable to a duty of forty-four cents a square yard and thuty-five per cent ad valorem. Rejected.

The next paragraph was that in reference to oil cloths.

On motion of Mr. Schenck the paragraph was amended so as to read "On olletons for floors, stamped or printed, forty-live per cent ad calorem; in sik ollcioth, sixty per cent ad calorem.

No amendments were offered to the three following paragraphs in reference to spun and thrown site.

The next paragraph was that taxing silk buttons and outside garments fifty per cent ad vatorem, to which amendments were offered and rejected.

No amendments were offered to the two following paragraphs in reference to sik plush and silk laces. The next paragraph was, on motion of Mr. Schenck, amended so as to read "On all manufactures of mixed materials, silk being the component

The next paragraph was, on motion of all schemes, amonded so as to read "On all manufactures of mixed materials, slik being the component part of chief value and not otherwise herein provided for, sixty per cent ad catorem."

Mr. BUTLER, of Mass., moved to aid a new paragraph, taxing at twenty-five per cent ad catorem webbings composed of slik and rubber or slik and other material, slik being the material of chief value used in the manufacture of shoes.

Mr. JENCKES moved to make the duty fifty per cent.

cent.
Without disposing of either amendment the committee rose, having gone through over three pages of the bill.

Mr. Butler, of Mass., asked unanimous consent to introduce and joint resolution to annex the republic of Benniet.

Mr. Butler, of Mass., asked unanimous consent to introduce and joint resolution to annex the republic Mr. Benniet, or N. 1., objected unless Ireland were annexed too—paying for it with the Alabama claims.

Mr. Butler said they had plenty of Ireland now, but none of Domingo.

Mr. Ketsek, said they and pienty of freight no but none of Domingo.

RESOLUTION RESCINDED.

Mr. Kelsey, (rep.) of N. Y., moved to rescind the resolution adopted to-day granting the use of the fifteenth amendine.

The resolution was rescinded without a division and the Select Committee discharged.

The House then, at five o'clock, adjourned.

IMPERTANT SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY.

duction of Metailic Hydrogen-Dr. Loew Demonstrating Professor Graham's Theory. About iwenty gentlemen were gathered in the hall of the Lyceum of Natural History at 64 Madison avenue last evening to listen to the reading of a paper by Dr. O. Loew, of the College of New York, on th subject of "Hydrogenium Amalgam" and notices by Dr. Paul Schweitzer of recent chemical investiga tions. The president, Dr. Newberry, called the meeting to order at eight o'clock, and after the transaction of some unimportant miscellaneou

business

Dr. Logw came forward, and after reading a very interesting paper on the subject of hydrogen and i possible amalgamations, proceeded to an experimental illustration of the method he employed to produce an amalgam of hydrogen and mercury Taking an amalgam of zinc containing thirty oe cent of zinc, he added an equal volume of a solution of bi-chloride of platinum; this, after carefully shaking for some time, he poured into an earthen vessel containing water. Hydrochloric acid was employed to dissolve all the excess of zinc. Hereupon in the bottom of the vessel there was collected a voluminous brilliant amalgram of hydrogenium and mercury, exactly similar to the well known ammonium amalgam. The amalgam immediately increases in volume and the hydrogen at the same time rapidly escapes, but without odor. This hydrogen has active properties similar to the bloxide of water. It also has high reducing and other properties as explained by Frofessor Granam. Dr. Loew stated in addition that 150 volumes of hydrogen escaped from the smalgam; this, however, was under circumstances where much of the hydrogen was unavoidably lost. of bi-chloride of platinum; this, after carefully shak

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Dr. Walz, in alluding to Dr. Loew's paper and experiments, said the discovery was one of great importance, and had it not been anticipated by Professor Graham last year would have created no inconsiderable excitement in the scientific world. Dr. Loew was still the only person, with the exception of Professor Graham, who had succeeded in producing the amalgamation of zine and mercury. Dr. Walz also presented a second experiment of a similar nature. A discussion followed between Drs. Loew and Walz in regard to the existence or non-existence of antozone.

Professor Joy. of Columbia College, said:—"The admirable experiment of Dr. Loew showed that Professor Sonoenoein, of Basic, was in 1855 on the eve of discovering metalic hydrogen. At this time Schoenbein exhibited to him the following action of zinc amalgam of zinc and mercury in water the water is partially decomposed and appears to be split off into oxide of zinc and in-oxide of hydrogen. If the remaining liquid be filtered and lodde of potassium and surch be added, there is no reaction, but if proto-oxide for on be added the bine color at once appears. Dr. Loew had carried the investigation further and had succeeded in capturing the hydrogen and combining it with mercury. If Shoenoein had thought of doing this he would have discovered hydrogenium antecedent to Graham. Dr. Leow is intitled to great credit for having so greatly enriched our knowledge of hydrogen and rendered the isolation of that metal highly probable."

Dr. Paul Schwitzer read a paper on recent investigations, and concluded with an exhibition of an analysis made by him in the School of Mines.

Professor Liebig on fermientation, in which he so ably answered the attacks which have been made during the last ten years upon his theory.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS ITEMS.

The Masonic fraternity of Chicago and Milwaukee ha seen severely victimized tately by a Prussian named August atterback, nailing from Texas, who succeeded in outsians considerable sum of money of Masona before his visit was detected.

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Azriel Lewis, of Baitimor^o, was yesterday morning to icited of manslaughter and sentenced to six months' in risonment for murdering his little son, aged four years. Daniel Morrison, editor of the Toronto (Canada) Daniel Morrison (william S. Lucas hung himself in the Boston Jail yester av, by means of a handkerchief and towel, to the grating

of his cell.

Two new three story buildings in Schenectady, N. Y., felyesterday mornings and are a complete wreck. Six or eigh men were in the building at the time. One was killed another trained

THE STATE CAPITAL.

Public Sentiment Favorable to the New York Appointments.

Position and Influence of the Lucky Assemblymen.

A Number of Local Bills Passed by the Assembly.

ALBANY, April 11, 1870. In the absence of any particular legislative excitement the Mayor's appointments for the new and reformed city government form the principal subject of conversation here. It would be too much to say that satisfaction upon this point is universal, but it is veryigeneral. Of course, one must expect that where there are numerous ambitious expectants of office there must be

A FEW GRUMBLERS, who proclaim loudly against this, that and the other appointment, but who would not be content with any less than the selection of their own names for certain offices. It is largely conceded that

MAYOR HALL has united wisdom, skill and magnanimity very happily together—wisdom in the choice of com-petent, experienced and trustworthy men for the needs of departments; skill in the nice discrimination he has exercised in rewarding the fuelity of those democrats who have stood by the cause of the revolutionized city government, and magnanimity in appointing so many of his political opponents pecause of their fitness and with a view to non-partisanship wherever possible in local government. Especially is there great satisfaction here at the of their fitness and with a view to nonappointment to commissionerships of THE FOUR ASSEMBLYMEN,

Bitchman, Frear, Nachtman and Blair. The career of the former gentleman in the Speaker's chair has made him many friends in both parties for his

ALECK PREAR.

with whose name the charter will be linked forevermore, in connection with the names of Sweeny and Tweed, made himself conspicuous in the Assem-bly more by his constant fidelity to the interests of the party than by the more attractive elements of oratory. He rarely speaks, and never without point

and purpose.

MARTIN NACHTMAN.

Commissioner of the Excise Department, although not at all demonstrative, is an earnest worker for everything regarding the democratic party. He never misses a session, and never allows a point to escape him. When he speaks it is with solid German sense, which gathers interest from his slightly German accent. His specialty is the interests of his countrymen.

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JOHN J. BLAIR,
the sworn friend and follower of Tweed, withstood
the temptations of his young colleagues all through
the strite over the Charter. He held on to the dagstaff of his chief, and kept the banner of the old
democracy flying, not so much by his voice as by
the pertunctly with which he adhered to the faith
of Tammany and the greatness of Bill Tweed. He
has his reward now in the Fire Department and a
salary of \$5,000 a year. It is not a matter of surprise
that.

is retained in his old place as Park Commissioner, through there were a few wise owls who predicted that his unfortunate collision with Anneworth in the House a few weeks ago had lost him caste, and would probably militate against his chances for honor and emolument in the new government. But the owls were disappointed. Tom is too good a fighter and too bold a taker to be set aside: moreover, his executive ability eminently qualities nim

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For further interesting legislation we must await the arrival of the tax levies, which will probably be here this week. It is generally understood that there are only a lew points in them that will provoke any discussion, and that, of course, in comparison with the trumpet blast which heralded in the Charter, will be but a penny pipe which schoolboys toot. Any section similar to the tenth section of last year, with reference to what are called "sectional" schools, or charitable institutions will certainly excite the ire of the republicans will certainly excite the ire of the republicans of a both bouses. We had a section of last feeling during the debate on the charter in the senate. Kennedy will screw up his temper and his mouth to the point of bitter opposition. Parker, Woodin, Jarvis and Lord will meet the question with more dignity, but not with less hostility. It will be curious to observe the course of Genet on the democratic benches after his terrible denunciation of sectarian appropriations while "fighting the tiger" during the Charter debate.

The general desire is towards as early an adjournment as possible. The hundred days will expire with the end of this week, but as

THE ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

when the hour arrives to cut of the salaries of members is rather the exception than the rule, the certainty is that the session will run on to the 25th or 25th inst. This will be a gain of fourteen days on the session of last year, which reached the 10th of May. The New York and Brooklyn members are

the session of last year, which reached the 10th of May. The New York and Brooklyn members are anxious for an early adjournment; but the countrymen, who have their bus nel baskets still full of petty bills would be glad to see them all emptied sefore they go back to their constituencies. They hope to be crowned with the honor of doing something of note for the communities which sent them here. Probably one-third of the bills introduced will have inexorably to be over for a future session unless the grinding committees do marvelious hard work.

Proceedings of the Legislature-Brisk Business-The Fare Question of Railroads-The District Courts in New York-The Long Island Underground Railroad—The Eric Affairs ALBANY, April 11, 1870.
As usual, when the House does not adjourn until

Monday night, the attendance this morning is decidedly slim. There is a quorum present, but the lobbies, galleries and antercoms are almost wholly deserted. Notwithstanding the fact that matters looked dull

AN IMMENSE AMOUNT OF BUSINESS was disposed of with a rapidity that may well en title the lawmakers of 1870 to be styled

THE LIGHTNING LEGISLATURE.

The way they made the business hop this morning was a caution to snakes. The majority of matters disposed of, bowever, are merely local affairs, and do not directly interest the people at large, THE GRINDING COMMITTEE

have been entrusted with another large batch o bills, and the number reported by the committee the other day were to-day taken up and the reports of the committee agreed to. Pearsall's bill in rela

EXTRA PARE ON RAILBOADS, by which any company may oblige a passenger who does not procure a ticket before going on a train to pay ten cents extra fare, after a large amount of badinage and buncombe, was amended so as to leave the extra charge where it stands at present, giving permission for an extra charge of five cents.

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THE HERALD AS A LEGISLATIVE TEXT BOOK was used to-day by Hon. Peter Mitchell in advocating the passage of his bill compelling the railroad companies in the city of New York to run extra cars at certain hours in the day and prohibiting them from charging fare for a person not provided with a seat. Peter pleaded strongly for his cause and quoted from the Herald of February 25 and March 14 to show the desirability and absolute necessity of some such regulation as he proposed. His bill was progressed, but may safely be regarded as doomed to die the death. The bill in relation to the appointment of marshal and clerks to the confinite on Chies. There it will die beyond a doubt, unless some heavy draft of wind or a strong map from the wing of

THAT ANGEL OF DESTRUCTION
be brought to bear upon it and blow or throw it ahead. The poor justices have been up here week to arge the passage of this bill, because it will give them the power of engaging their mapp' themselves; but now they may find that they will have their labor for their pains. Notes retries.

THE LONG ISLAND UNDERGROUND RAILEGAD was to day, on motion of Mr. Maddox, sent back to the Committee on Railfoads to report complete at any time. This is the project to which I releared when it was first introduced, and provides for the construction of a tunnel for a railfoad from some point within half a mile of the Williamsburg ferry and Janaica. This may prove to be the end of the matter, as the Railfoad Committee has blenty of the matter, as the Railfoad Committee has blenty of the matter, as the Railfoad Committee has blenty of the matte

if appearances be correctly interpreted, is doomed to be a failure, as far as the Legislature here is concerned. His action in possessing himself of certain papers, which were the property of the committee, for the purpose of completing or strengthening his arguments, has destroyed a great deal of the regard which was entertained for him at first by many of the members. It is more than probable that the bill in relation to

THE ERIE DIRECTORY will not be repealed, and it is possible that some other measures may be "put through" to strengthen the directors in their present position. Mr. Burt seemed to make a special effort to allude pointedly and insimuatingly to Mr. Tweed as one of the more fortunate of the directors, and as Tweed is now

"Doss" the allusion to him will not aid Mr. Burt's cause. It is stated, further, that the bill was introduced more as a cut against Messis. Sweeny and Tweed than against Gould and Fisk, and that idea will probably help to squelch it in committee or kill it comes before the House. The bill in relation

over the Hudson was to-day ordered to a third reading. What his fate may be it is difficult as yet to determine. Members who come up by the Hudson fliver road undoubledly layor it, and it may be that it will be pushed through. Many people here are opposed to it very butterly, and will, of course, do their best to defeat it. The election of a issuest of this university will be held on Thursday by joint ballot. Oswald Ottendorler and Erisstin Brooks are the only persons now promisently mentioned, with chances decidedly in favor of the latter.

The Governor has signed the State Excise bill, which passed the Legislature last week.

Assemblyman Fields After the Lawyers-Taking Fees from Both Parties to the Same Case-Probable Investigation Into the Con-duct of Certain New York Lawyers. ALBANY, April 11, 1870.

The lawmakers are after the lawyers with a sharp stick, as may be seen from the bill introduced to-night by Mr. Fields. Reports are current that limbs of the law in high standing and of good social repute have on several occasions obtained information from clients and then obtained information from clients and then taking fees from opposing parties and using the information obtained by them in their former positions to gain their cases and effect settlements to their own advantage. Several names are bruited about as having thus manipulated in important railroad suits—names of men which, if mentioned, would create an intense excitement among the lawyers of New York city. Until there is some further definite information it would not be well to mention. But it need not astonish anybody if a committee of investigation were appointed to inquire into the manner of business lately transacted of certain prominent lawyers of the metropolis. The big fish swallow up the little fish in law as in other professions, and the mutual admiration society lately incorporated, it is said, is merely to closk up underland dealings and doings of their members. It is safe to say, however, that there will be a rattling of dry bones among the legal lights of New York when they read this bull of Mr. Fields.

THE BILL EXEMPTING BONDS AND MORROAGES from taxation created quite a spicy debate in the Assembly. Van Steenburgh threatened that if the buil was passed he would join the republican party, whereu pon several of the republican should be aquelched.

NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE. ALBANY, April 11, 1870.

By Mr. GRAHAM-Amending the charter of the Bushwick Savings Bank.

GENERAL ORDERS, The following bills were then ordered to a third reading:-

Fixing the compensation of the stenographer of

Kings county.
Incorporating the Iona Yacht Club.
Amending the charter of the Insurers' Own Fire Insurance Company.

Providing for the payment of the certificates issued to the soliders of the war of 1812.

To establish a police force in the city of Schenectady.

Adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

ALBANY, April 11, 1870. Mr. LAWRENCE introduced a bill to extend the time for the completion of the Harlem River and Portchester Railroad.

GENERAL ORDERS. The following bills were ordered to a third read-

ounty; for the better prevention of disease and cruelty to animals transported on railroads and confined at slaughter houses, &c.; extending the boundaries of the Eighteenth ward, Brookjyn; altering the boundaries of the Eighteenth ward, Brookjyn; incorporating the New York Evening Law School; also to pay the surviving members of the volunteers of the war with Mexico.

By Mr. Flagg-Relative to the New York common schools.

schools.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. CULLEN—Amending the charter of the German Loan and Trust Company of Brooklyn; also consolidating the Hebrew Relief Societies of Brooklyn; also relative to the Fire Department of Brooklyn;

yn.
By Mr. Hostan-Amending the charter of the American Popular Lise Insurance Company of New

American Popular Life Insurance Company of New York.

By Mr. O'REEFE—To extend the Flatoush and Coney Island Railroad to the letries in Brooklyn.

REGENT OF THE UNIVERSITY.

The joint resolution to proceed to cleet a Regent of the University on the 14th was adopted.

SINKING FUND FOR RALROADS BONDS. On motion of Mr. BEAMS the Judiciary Committee was directed to prepare and report a bill to compet the creation of a sinking fund to redeem the bonds issued in aid of railroads by municipal corporations.

The House then took a recess until seven o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

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The following Railroad Aid bills, making the appropriations stated, were ordered to a third reading.—
The Walkill Valley Railroad, \$125,000. The Southern Central, \$5,000 per mile constructed A general bill to any road, \$5,000 per mile con structed.

The Cattaraugus Railroad, \$5,000 per mile con-The Cattaraugus Rairroad, \$5,000 per finite con-structed.

The Carthage, Watertown and Sackett's Harbor, when completed, \$100,000.

The Lake Ontario Shore, when completed, \$500,000.
The Cazenovia and Canastoga, exempting its bonds from taxation.

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MR. FIELDS AFTER THE LAWYERS.

Mr. FIELDS introduced the following very important bill aimed at counsel who are in the habit of taking fees on both sides:—

AN ACT TO REQULATE THE CONDUCT OF ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW.

The people of the State of New York represented in the Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:—

SECTION I.—Any attorney or counseller at law who here tofore acted or may hereafter act as attorney or counsel for any party to an action, suit or proceeding, or who shall hereafter aced a retainer as counsel for any person, and who in the course of such action, suit or proceeding or in any consultation with its client as counsel, has acquired or may acquire any information in considence from such client, or has avised or hereafter aid advise any client that he may lawfully do any act or thing, and who shall hereafter use the information thus obtained in any action, suit or proceeding adverse to such client, or who shall appear as attorney or counsel in any action, suit or proceeding to the purpose of obtaining any relief against such client or any of his or its agents or olleers for the purpose of obtaining any relief against him or them on the ground of the illegality of any action which such attorney or counsel than have advised as aforesaid, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof be ounlished by ingrisomment in the county jail not exceeding one year or by a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or both.

SEC 2.—This act shall take effect immediately.

CENERAL ORDERS.

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Authorizing the Rondout and Oswego Railroad Company to increase its rate of fare to four cents per mile.

Amending the act designating holidays to be observed in the payment of notes, &c.

On motion of Mr. Burns the bill was so amended as to make notes, &c., failing due on holidays payable the day after.

Appropriating \$52,000 to aid in the completion of the Grassy Point and Suffern Railroad.

Extending the time for the completion of the Rondout and Port Jervis Railroad.

Evening Session. To extend the time for completing the Cattarangua To exempt from taxation money loaned on bond

and mortgage.

Mr. ALVORD moved to amend with a provision that real property be exempted from taxation to the amount encumbered.

The bill was then advocated by Messrs. Jacobs and Fields, and opposed by Messrs. Alvord. Little-john and others, when progress was reported and the House refused to grant leave to sit again.

Amending the act for the benefit of married women insuring the lives of their husbands.

Adjourned.

BLOODY AFFRAY IN HUDSON CITY.

Yesterday afternoon, between five and six o'clock, four notorious rowdles, named Jim Roucher, Bob Joyce, Andy Burke and Peter Bauer, entered Pison's saloon at the Five Corners, in Hudson City, and called for drinks. After some time they became very noisy and abusive, till the bartender, Frederick Haug, ordered them to leave. This they refused to do, and while Frederick was stooping to all some liquor for them in the hope they would leave immediately afterwards, Boucher lifted an earthen pitcher and struck him such a blow on the top of the skull that the pitcher was shivered to pieces and Haug's skull fractured in such a manner that he now lies in a very precarious condition. Seargeant Maguire, officers keilly and Tudov placed the gang under arrest, except Joyce, who escaped. When the officers were conducting them to the ponce station Boucher cried out to his companious to make their escape, and a desperate struggle followed. Boucher caught officer Reitly's hand in his teeth, and would have obten off two fingers had not Sergeant Maguire pressed his hand on the rowdy's juguar and almost suffocated him. The ruffians were lodged in the county jail, and Recorder Addridge refused to take bail. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Joyce.

FIRE IN CANAL STREET.

About six o'clock last evening a fire occurred on the first noor of 560 canal street, occupied by James White, importer and manufacturer of artificial now-ers. The stock was damaged \$1,550; covered by insurance in the Security Stuyvesant and People's insurance companies. The cause of the fire is unknown.